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## KENTUCKY OAKS WINNER SECRET OATH CONTINUES TRAINING FOR PREAKNESS

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, May 13, 2022)** – Briland Farm's \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) heroine **Secret Oath** is set to face males in the second jewel of racing's Triple Crown, the \$1.5 million Preakness Stakes (GI). The two-length winner of last Friday's Oaks continued her training at Churchill Downs with her typical early-morning gallop under regular exercise rider **Danielle Rosier**.

"After the Oaks, we researched who was going and discussed it thoroughly to try and get a feel of the race," Hall of fame trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** said. "We checked her after the Oaks and found she was full of life and enjoyed going back to the track. One of the deciding factors was after the Preakness she'll have an eight-week break and wait for the (July 23, \$500,000) Coaching Club American Oaks (GI). It will be important to get that break after the Preakness and then she'll get another month off before the (Aug. 20, \$600,000) Alabama (GI)."

There have been six fillies to win the Preakness, most recently **Swiss Skydiver** in 2020. The others were **Rachel Alexandra** (2009), **Nellie Morse** (1924), **Rhine Maiden** (1915), **Whimsical** (1906) and **Flocarline** (1903).

"If she puts the Preakness on her résumé, it will take her to another level," Lukas said. "She'll be thought of as one of the really good ones."

Secret Oath is expected to join several other local horses for next Saturday's Preakness at Pimlico, including Derby Day allowance winner **Creative Minister**, Derby runner-up **Epicenter** and Breeders' Futurity (GI) winner **Rattle N Roll**.

Owner **Rick Dawson** reported Thursday that Kentucky Derby winner **Rich Strike** would bypass the Preakness in favor of the June 11, \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI). Rich Strike's trainer, **Eric Reed**, will discuss that decision plus relive the victory in last Saturday's "Run for the Roses" on "Inside Churchill Downs" Friday at 6 p.m. The one hour radio show will air on ESPN 680/105.7 and on [www.espnlouisville.com](http://www.espnlouisville.com).

**CHURCHILL DOWNS TO PARTNER WITH FORECASTLE FOUNDATION FOR SATURDAY NIGHT'S DOWNS AFTER DARK** – Churchill Downs will partner with the Forecastle Foundation on Saturday night for Downs After Dark. The evening of racing and entertainment will pair Kentucky Sounds and Spirits with the theme "Bourbon and Beats."

Entertainment on the Plaza Stage will begin at 5:15 p.m. (all times Eastern) with **DJ Travisty** and continue at 7:30 p.m. with **DJ Getzy**. **Sego** will complete the lineup and play from 9:30-11:30 p.m.

The evening of racing will feature 11 races headlined by the \$160,000 Mamzelle Overnight Stakes in Race 9. First post is 6 p.m.

The Forecastle Foundation, the activism arm of the Forecastle Festival, works to protect and connect the world's most biologically diverse and highly-threatened hot spots around the world. Fans will be able to engage in the Forecastle Foundations mission with several activations in the Plaza and bourbon barrel artistry throughout the track.

Tickets for general admission and first floor seating are \$14. Reserved seating starts at \$17 and reserved dining starts at \$82. To purchase tickets, visit [www.churchilldowns.com/tickets](http://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets).

Gates open at 5 p.m.

**TWILIGHT GLEAMING MADE 6-5 FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S MAMZELLE** – Stonestreet Stables' 2021 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (Grade II) winner **Twilight Gleaming** (IRE) was made the 6-5 morning line favorite in the field of 12 3-year-old fillies for Saturday's third running of the \$160,000 Mamzelle Overnight Stakes.

Trained by **Wesley Ward**, Twilight Gleaming made her 3-year-old bow last month in the \$200,000 Palisades at Keeneland where she finished second by three-quarters of a length behind **Slipstream**. She'll be ridden Saturday for the first time by **Tyler Gaffalione** from post position No. 5.

Here's the complete field for the Mamzelle from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Trobairitz** (Corey Lanerie, Neil Pessin, 15-1); **Mystic Eyes** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Todd Pletcher, 3-1); **Margie's Kitchen** (Jack Gilligan, Michelle Lovell, 20-1); **Boxing Day** (Adam Beschizza, Brendan Walsh, 15-1); Twilight Gleaming (Gaffalione, Ward, 6-5); **Sunday Grace** (Edgar Morales, Rey Hernandez, 30-1); **Royal County** (Sonny Leon, Eric Reed, 15-1); **Majestic d'Oro** (Joe Talamo, Brendan Walsh, 12-1); **Artos** (IRE) (Julien Leparoux, Rusty Arnold, 6-1); **Tizplenty** (Vincent Cheminaud, Steve Asmussen, 15-1); **Devine Charger** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Jordan Blair, 30-1); and **Street Tapper** (Rey Gutierrez, Bret Calhoun, 30-1).

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The 5 ½ furlong Mamzelle, run on the Matt Winn Turf Course, will go as Race 9 of 11 with a post time of 10:11 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post for Downs After Dark is 6 p.m.

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Fans will get expert analysis each race day from host **Joe Kristufek** along with several analysts such as **Kaitlin Free, James Scully, Scott Shapiro** and **Brandon Stauble**.

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**CHURCHILL DOWNS RACING TO AIR ON FOX SPORTS** – Churchill Downs racing will air throughout the Spring Meet on the Fox Sports family of networks as part of “**America’s Day at the Races,**” which is produced by the New York Racing Association. Racing this week from Churchill Downs will air at the following times:

Friday: 2-3 p.m. and 5-5:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2

Saturday: 9-11:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2

Sunday: 12:30-5:30 p.m. | Fox Sports 2

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – Turf racing on Friday will be in Lane 4, 36 ft. from the inside rail. The temporary rail will be taken down for racing Saturday and Sunday and be conducted in Lane 1. ... The 20-cent Derby City 6 had a carryover of \$3,330 into racing Friday. First post was 12:45 p.m. and the Derby City 6 spanned races 4-9. ... “**Inside Churchill Downs**” will return to the airwaves Friday from 6-7 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7. Fans can listen to a livestream of the one-hour broadcast on [www.espnloouisville.com](http://www.espnloouisville.com). The podcast will be uploaded shortly after the show to the station’s website. ... For more information about the Churchill Downs Spring Meet, visit [www.churchilldowns.com](http://www.churchilldowns.com).

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